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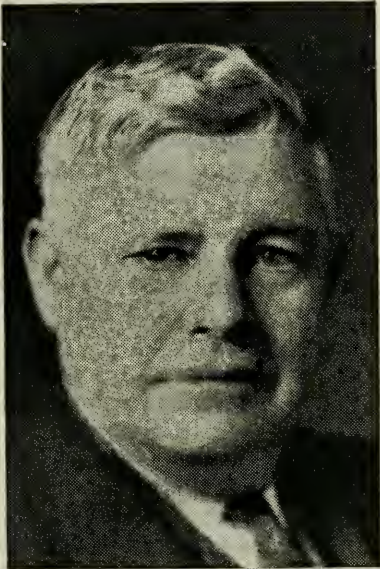
The Question Every Soul Asks

by President J. REUBEN CLARK Jr.—First Counselor in the First Presidency

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FRIENDS of the air:

No man is so dead to the spiritual side of life but that some time in a reflective moment he has asked himself: Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where do I go? So questioning he has said to himself. If I knew these things I could shape my life for the best.



President J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

Now God has placed in every man's heart a divine spark, which never wholly goes out; it may grow dim, it may become hidden, almost smothered by the ashes of transgression but the spark still lives and glows and can be fanned into flame by faith, if the heart is touched. This is true of all, save of them who commit the unpardonable sin, and few can do this, for to do so requires greater spiritual knowledge than is vouched to most men.

Behind these questions lies the deeper one—is there a purpose underlying our mortal lives; are we here on earth by chance, non-existent before our birth, with an aimless existence here, and a void, an endless night of oblivion after death.

Every fibre of being of the normal man cries out against such an existence without purpose. Man in all stages of intellectual development, from the savage in the forest to the most learned and enlightened toiler in the laboratory, has during all history rebelled against such a destiny, and God has supported him in his rebellion by revealing through Holy Writ as much of the great underlying purposes of life as man's finite mind can grasp.

Sometimes men have been so intoxicated by their own learning through the senses, their sensuous knowledge, that they have not only refused to recognise the knowledge of the spirit, but they have scoffed and derided that it is.

But doubt and derision do not destroy truth, which lives, finally triumphant.

Where did we come from? had we an antemortal life?

Answering, we turn first to the example, the pattern of the Captain of Salvation (Heb. 2:10), the Prince of the Kings of this Earth (Rev. 1:5), the Only Begotten (Heb. 11:17). Whence was he?

If we had no other words than from John the Beloved, we should not be in doubt on this point. He began his hymn of praise and worshipful homage which opens his gospel:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Thus God the Father and God the Son were together "in the beginning", and this beginning was before even the world was made, because "all things were made by" the Word, and "without him was not anything made that was made". (John 1:1-3; I John 1:2; 2:14; Moses 1:32-33; 3:4 ff.; Abraham 4; D.C. 93:7 ff., 21.)

In his first epistle John declared: "God sent his only begotten Son into the world", (I John 4:9), thus testifying again that the Son was with the Father before he came to earth, and the Word created the world long long before he entered it. In the great visions which came to him on the Isle of Patmos, John affirmed: "These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God" (Rev. 3:14), and Paul told the Colossians that Christ was "the firstborn of every creature" (Col. 1:15). These sayings bear record that Christ was with the Father from the beginning, the first creation of all.

But the Saviour bore his own testimony that he had long association with the Father before he took on mortality.

Attending the Second Passover of his ministry and speaking in the Temple to the Jews, who sought to kill him, Jesus declared:

"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." (John 5:19.)

Later, speaking to the Pharisees in the Treasury of the Temple, Jesus said:

"I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. . . . I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." (John 8:26, 28.)

Teaching in the Temple he said to the fearsome believers on him among the chief rulers of the Pharisees:

"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak" (John 12:49-50). And after this Jesus said: *"For all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you"* (John 15:15).

All this speaks of a long and close relationship with the Father, not for the few years he dwelt in mortality, shackled with the chains of the flesh, but an association in the eternity from before the beginning of the earth.

But again and again Jesus himself declared his antemortal existence with the Father.

Preaching to the multitude whom he had fed and who followed him across the sea, he said:

"What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?" (John 6:62.)

To his apostles with whom, after eating the Passover meal, he had gone to the Mount of Olives, Jesus, predicting his death and resurrection, said:

"A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father. . . . I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. . . . I have overcome the world." (John 16:16, 28, 33.)

In the great intercessory prayer, the Prayer of the Great High Priest, made just before he crossed the brook Cedron to Gethsemane and its agony, Jesus commenced his prayer:

"Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee."

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TO ALL THE WORLD

by **ALMA SONNE**—President of the European Mission

MISSIONARY work is educational. It brightens the intellect, broadens the mind and enlarges the understanding. It is enlightening to those who engage in it and inspiring to those who are touched by it. Its aim is to uplift humanity through the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The missionary programme is far-reaching and extends its influence into the lives of members and non-members. The missionary, his family, his relatives and friends are benefited and spiritualised by it. The home from which he comes feels the power which emanates from his field of labour. The work is fascinating and captivates those engaged in it. It promotes right living, wholesome thinking and honest, unselfish endeavour. The missionary enterprise of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints calls for a valiant and God-inspired enthusiasm. A lukewarm missionary is a failure. Jesus and His apostles were full of fire and passion for their work. Nothing was too precious to lay on the altar to advance the cause they represented. No task was too great, no work too strenuous and no venture too hazardous to insure the success and eventual triumph of the stupendous truths they had to offer.

The Church is a product of its missionary system. Within a year after its organisation missionaries were sent out to preach the Gospel. Regardless of adverse conditions, economically and otherwise, the proselyting has continued unabated. Missions were opened, converts admitted, branches established and the revealed word of God explained to investigators and truth-seekers. The results, glorious and gratifying, speak for themselves.

Again the way is opening for the proclamation of the Gospel of Peace to a war-weary world. The opportunity is here. A new day is dawning, prejudices and misunderstandings are melting away and old barriers are being removed. The Church is carrying forward the greatest missionary effort in its history.

How will the Latter-day Saints use the opportunities and privileges thus afforded



President Alma Sonne.

them? Will they shirk from their responsibilities? They have never done so. The history and spirit of the Church are centred in its missionary activity. Yet no Church member has ever chosen the ministry as a calling. Men and women perform this service only when they are called to do so by their authorised leaders. They come and go at their own expense without any thought of material remuneration. In the future as in the past the response to their message will come from the common people who are honest at heart and free and independent in spirit and thought.

Their converts have frequently had to face ridicule and ostracism for the Gospel's sake. But they have been able to endure hardships and disappointments because their faith was firmly founded and their testimonies deeply and securely planted. Such conviction is the strength of the Church. It accounts for its growth, and the energy and determination of its missionaries. Without doubt many people have been attracted to the Church through the clean living, high standards and the

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THE OPEN GRAVE

by Mrs. LEON F. LIDDEL

THIS story has two parts.

The first part took place early last year and was the result of a visit to our stake by Elder Matthew Cowley, of the Council of the Twelve. At that time he told us many beautiful stories of the great faith of the Samoan people and of the earnest desire of many of these saints to visit the Temple in Hawaii.

The opportunity to assist them came quite unexpectedly in June, 1947, when the M Men, Gleaner convention for Northern California and Nevada met in San Francisco. 560 young people from seven stakes and one mission participated.

Due to unexpected generosity and whole-hearted co-operation there was quite a sum of money left over the estimated cost of the convention. With the glowing memory of Elder Cowley's talk still burning in their hearts, the stake representatives of these young people met and decided to donate the entire amount of \$790 to Elder Cowley to be used in assisting these faithful island people to visit the Temple.

The opportunity to know some of these amazing Samoan Latter-day Saints came unexpectedly too—early this year and forms the second part of the story. Eti Te'o, a chief from the village of Mapusaga, Samoa with his four sons, Eliga, Toga, Tasali and Whitney came to visit San Francisco at Christmas time and he has decided to make this his temporary home.

Eti and his sons are all talented entertainers and have visited our wards repeatedly, singing their island songs and dancing in their native costumes. Whitney who is the youngest of the brothers is only twelve years old and is the champion sword dancer of all the Samoan Islands.

This is their first visit to America and Eti hopes to educate his four sons so that they may return to their native Samoa as fully prepared missionaries. At the time of their departure, President John Q. Adams, of the Samoan Mission, instructed Eti to bear his testimony wherever he went in America. Eti religiously keeps his promise to do this.

In all of our wards he has told the following beautiful story and we have cause to wonder if perhaps we are not the ones that are being preached to and if Eti and his sons are not already missionaries from their home in the islands of the Pacific:

"When I was about eighteen I was in the village of Pago Pago trying to do what I could to help translate the Doctrine and Covenants into Samoan.

"A friend of mine named George came to our village to work as a carpenter. After about three months he became very sick and was taken to the Navy Hospital where he stayed six months. He was growing steadily worse and one morning asked his uncle to send for the Mormon Elders to administer to him or he would die. His uncle refused, saying it could do no good since even the doctors had not been able to help him. George then called the nurse and begged her, saying, 'If I die send a note to the elders and have my body taken to the mission home.' At 7.30 that night George died.

"The next morning I was passing the hospital on my way to work when the nurse called to me. She was crying when she told me what had happened. I immediately took the news to Brother Lopati at the mission home and he asked me to go behind the house and start digging the grave. I had dug to a distance of about 2½ feet when he came to me and said, 'Put back the shovel—we are going to the hospital to see George.'

"It was now 10 o'clock in the morning. I could not understand what he wanted to go to the hospital for, but I put the shovel back and went with him.

"George was laying in an outer room where the dead were kept and as we passed it I could see 'Lagomea' (flies that cover dead bodies) all over the windows and I was angry with Brother Lopati. 'Don't you think we will disgrace the Church by doing this?' I questioned him. But he went right on into the hospital. We were not allowed to enter the room where George lay—both

the nurse and doctor told us that if we entered it we would be sent to jail.

"Brother Lopati sent for his wife and two other elders and after kneeling in prayer they signed a paper, one by one—signifying that they would willingly go to jail after entering George's room.

"I could not bring myself to sign the paper. I did not want to go to jail. Brother Lopati then came by my side and told me that he had been given a patriarchal blessing that if he lived right he would have power to raise the dead. He also said that they *must* wait for me—that it was urgent for me to witness this event.

"It was 12 o'clock noon when I finally signed the paper and we all went in beside George's bed. Brother Lopati unwrapped the gauze from his face and we all knelt by his bedside.

'I remember only three words he spoke as he lay his hands on the boy's head. They were, 'George, come back'. He added a few more sentences and when he said, 'Amen', George sneezed and began to breathe. His first words were, 'I would like a cup of rice'. Then he sat up and began talking. 'I heard your voice from a long distance,' he said.

"I ran from the room—shaking all over. Running down the halls I kept saying, almost hysterically, 'George wants a cup of rice!' over and over again. I rushed into Dr. Lane's office without knocking and could only say, 'George want a cup of rice!'" He hurried back with me and when he saw George sitting up talking, he was speechless. He could not say a word for a long time, then he slowly walked over to the bedside to examine George and in a few minutes he stated that the boy was normal and his heart action perfect.

Turning to Brother Lopati he said, 'No one but God could do that'. He asked us to come to his house later and we stayed there all the rest of the day answering his questions. He joined the Church in due time as did several other hospital workers.

Now, 23 years later, George is in good health and lives in the village of Aua, Samoa—but his story will not be forgotten. The open grave is still there back of the mission home near where I live. I keep it just as I left it that day. I want my children and grandchildren to see it and know this story."—From the Church Section of *Deseret News*.

Danish King Receives Book of Mormon

BY his own consent King Frederik IX of Denmark now possesses an especially bound copy of the Book of Mormon and two other Church books. They are in red leather binding with the royal crest.

The presentation was made by President Alma L. Petersen, of the Danish Mission, who was granted a special interview with King Frederik on April 19.

President Petersen writes in a letter to the Church News Office:

"I must say that he gave me more attention than I anticipated. I took this opportunity to thank him for permitting so many of our elders (148 at present) to come into this country to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"I also thanked him for the fine treatment that we have received from the government officials and expressed our gratitude for the hospitality shown by the Danish people.

"While having this interview I asked him if I might have the privilege of sending him some of the teachings that we were giving to his people here in the land of Denmark. He said that he would be glad to receive them.

"I then presented him with a beautiful container in which was the Book of Mormon, the Plan of Salvation and What is Mormonism, nicely bound in red leather with the royal crest stamped on each. I told him that within these pages he would find the greatest message ever given to the world. He then thanked me and said:

"I will gladly read them and also study them."

"I then bore him my testimony with all the power that I had."

President Petersen was also asked by the king to carry with him on his return to Utah the monarch's personal greeting to the people of Utah and his thanks for their

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THE GREAT CALL

THROUGHOUT the South African Mission during the recent weeks there has been a very definite note of sorrow to all the members and Elders in the loss of our very genial friend and missionary companion Elder Le Grande Dahl Barrett.



Elder Le Grande D. Barrett.

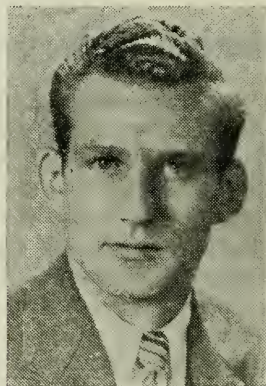
Elder Barrett arrived in South Africa aboard the S.S. *Orpheus* on May 13, 1947, and has since given valiant service as a missionary in this land. In each of the three districts where he laboured he has endeared himself to the hearts of those who love and serve the Lord. He laboured for several weeks in Cape Town and was a means of making first contacts with a number of very fine friends. The seed he sowed here will yet produce results that will give him and all his associates much joy and pleasure. In due time he was transferred to Port Elizabeth and laboured with Elder Crame and later became Supervising Elder in that district. In March, 1948, he was transferred to Johannesburg where he became Supervising Elder and had the responsibility of directing missionary activities of the twenty-eight missionaries in that district. In each of these branches his work has been interesting and fruitful. He was the organizer and leading spirit in getting basketball demonstration games where hundreds of people have been brought into contact with the game and with the missionaries in their sports endeavours. He met the leading sports editors of the newspapers and broadcast stations and gained their love and respect.

More outstanding than any other feature of his missionary work was his very splendid understanding of the Gospel. He knew his Scripture well and was able at all times to bear a fervent testimony of the divinity of the Gospel. Certainly in all his being there was never a question as to the truthfulness of this great latter-day work in which we are engaged.

We express our deep appreciation for his presence in this Mission and for the fine work he accomplished. Our prayers are that his loved ones in "Zion" will be comforted in the assurance that he at all times did his missionary work as a valiant soldier for the cause.

Honourable Release

WHEN the S.S. *Greece Victory* left Cape Town during the first week of August one of its noted passengers was Elder Alvin Orville Price, recently honorably released from his missionary service in the South African Mission.



Elder Alvin O. Price.

Elder Price arrived in Cape Town on October 16, 1946. He has filled a splendid mission and returns home with our blessings and with greatly increased knowledge and testimony of the divinity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are grateful to Elder Price; to his parents and all who have made it possible for him to be with us in this Mission.

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Mission News

WITH THE MISSIONARIES

TRANSFERS

Elder **KENNETH R. CURTIS** was transferred from Paarl to Cumorah, Mowbray, within the Cape District on July 5th. He was further transferred on July 25th to Ramah, Johannesburg, Transvaal District, to labour with Elder Robert B. Herzog.

Elder **MILAN Q. FELT** was transferred from Ramah, Johannesburg, Transvaal District, to Bloemfontein, Orange Free State District, on July 9th. He is labouring with Elder Milton V. Backman.

Elder **ROBERT B. HERZOG** was transferred from Paarl, Cape District, to Ramah, Johannesburg, Transvaal District, on July 5th.

Elder **CAL E. HILL** was transferred

from Bloemfontein, Orange Free State District to Kimberley, Cape District, on July 13th. He is labouring with Elder Calvin G. Webb in the re-opening of that area for missionary work.

Elder **JULE C. PERRY** was transferred from Mowbray to Goodwood within the Cape District on June 29th. He is labouring with Elder Herman N. Buhler.

Elder **ROY R. STEVENS** was transferred from Claremont to Cumorah, Mowbray, within the Cape District. He is labouring with Elder Robert G. Hyer.

Elder **CALVIN G. WEBB** was transferred from Goodwood to Kimberley, within the Cape District, on July 13th. He is labouring with Elder Cal E. Hill.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

CAPE DISTRICT

(Reported by Edith Wiid).

Brother Samuel Rayner of Bloemfontein enjoyed a five-weeks' holiday in Mowbray with his family and friends. He was present at the Farewell Social given by the Mowbray Branch in honour of his son, Hansel, and Sister Felicia Fourie on June 15th. Both young people were presented with a gift at the conclusion of a very enjoyable programme. They sailed on June 18th for America, arriving in New York on July 15th in company with Sister Helen Sharp.

A baptism service was held at Cumorah on Sunday, July 4th, for Maartjie Zipporah Freimond, Lawrence Freimond, Irene May Newton, Sidney Arthur Newton, Hazel Lorraine van Eck, Susan Margaret West, and Erik Richard Steen-Nielsen. We extend our congratulations to these new members and welcome them into the Mowbray Branch.

Mr. and Sister A. P. Fourie of Mowbray are on holiday in Southern Rhodesia. They plan to travel to Lake Nyassa with their daughter and son-in-law, Iris

and Andre Fourie. Brother John C. Harrison, who has been visiting in Mowbray from Yorkshire, England, has gone to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. He was met there by Brother and Sister Donald M. Crane who recently moved to that city. Albert Ninow, Jr., is in Cape Town on business from Johannesburg. His brother, Richard, spent a few weeks with him on a holiday. Brother Peter Gilmore has returned from his trip to Europe. During the course of his travels he visited nine different countries. His only living sister accompanied him from Scotland to Cape Town and is living at his home in Kenilworth. Sister Anita Kehl has been employed as full-time secretary to President Sharp. President Sharp left by train on July 8th for a two-weeks' trip to Durban and Johannesburg.

In connection with the Church's appeal for a home "Family Hour", Elders Backman and Hill hold a home evening one night each week with the family where they live. The family are non-members. Everyone living at this home, boarders and family members alike, are present and

have shown enthusiasm and appreciation for the hour of recreation and enjoyment. We congratulate our two fine Bloemfontein Elders for their support in this new programme and urge all families of this mission to make use of this most important appeal.

NATAL DISTRICT

(Reported by Louis Duncan).

Brother Harry Spear has gone to Swaziland on business. Brother John Moore spent the month of May in Johannesburg and then a week in Pietermaritzburg visiting relatives and friends. The Sunday School held a very successful Treasure Hunt on June 12th. Brother Edward Neil Hancock was advanced in the Priesthood on June 20th to the office of a Teacher.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT

(Reported by I. C. Louw).

There seems to have been an epidemic of appendicitis in Springs. Brothers Errold and Victor Jubber and Elder E. Phillip Morgan have each had this experience during recent weeks. Victor was less fortunate than the other two because he became ill with pneumonia soon after the operation. All three have recovered and are back at home. The Springs Branch Relief Society held a very successful Beetle Drive on June 25th. Sister Stemmett, mother of Brother Joe Stemmett, is home again after having been confined to a hospital for three weeks. Brother I. C. Louw, Ronnie Louw, Elder Jewkes, Elder Morgan, Elder Cockrell, and Elder Higham left on July 5th by motor car on a trip through the Kruger National Park.

MEMORANDA

BIRTHS—BLESSINGS

CHARSLEY.—Jeanne Margaret Charsley, infant daughter of Douglas and Georgina Spear Charsley of the Luanshya Branch, Northern Rhodesia District, born April 30th, was blessed by Branch President Fredrick J. Spear on May 5th.

FOUCHE.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Sister James Fouche of the Port Elizabeth Branch on June 2nd.

GRIFFITH.—On June 6th, the infant son of Leonard and Gladys Gilbee Griffith of the Port Elizabeth Branch, born March 28th, was blessed by Elder Asa T. White and given the name of Robert.

HUTTON.—Cecilia Helena Hutton, infant daughter of George and Wilhelmina Louw Hutton of the Ramah Branch, born February 20th, was blessed on May 2nd by Brother Bernhard Hubert.

MUIR.—Merinda Gail Muir, daughter of Elmer and Cornelia Venter Muir of the Bloemfontein Branch, born May 14th, 1947, was blessed by Mission President June B. Sharp on May 11th.

SHELVER.—Elaine Shelver, infant daughter of Alfred and Susanne Nel Shelver of the Mowbray Branch, born April 9th, was blessed by Elder Roy R. Stevens on June 6th.

SMITH.—A daughter was born to Richard and Dorothy Villiers Smith of the Mowbray Branch on May 25th.

TAYLOR.—David Charles Taylor, son of Frank and Dorothy Shelver Taylor of Margate, Natal, born August 6th, 1943, and his sister, Denice Taylor, born October 27th, 1946, were blessed on April 13th by Mission President June B. Sharp.

TAYLOR.—Michael Wilford Taylor, son of Ronald and Gloria Matthews Taylor of the Ramah Branch, was blessed on May 2nd by Branch President Ariel T. Smith.

MARRIAGES

EVERTON—BROWN.—On Saturday, May 25th, Brother Wentzel James Everton, son of Brother and Sister J. H. Everton of the Port Elizabeth Branch, and Miss Hester Brown of Humansdorp were married in the Dutch Reformed Church at Port Elizabeth. We extend to this couple our sincere wishes for a happy and successful life together.

LODGE—JACKSON.—Catherine Lodge, daughter of Sister Elsie Lodge of the Mowbray Branch, and Mr. Collin Jackson of Cape Town, were married on June 19th in St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town. Our congratulations and best wishes to them for success and happiness during the years ahead.

"PRAYER"

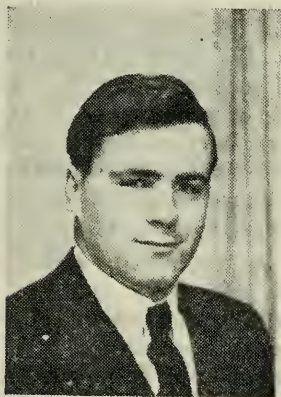
by Elder JULE C. PERRY

"PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast."

When Jesus Christ was on the earth He taught the people to pray. He said:

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."



Elder Jule C. Perry.

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

"Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." (Matthew 6:5-8.)

Then followed the example of the Lord's Prayer.

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, just before His betrayal, He prayed saying:

"O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Matthew 26:39.)

After He had finished praying He came and found His disciples asleep, and He said unto Peter:

"What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:40-41.)

When you pray, pray for forgiveness, that you may forgive those who trespass against you, and if you have ought against anyone, forgive him.

"And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

"Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican."

"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican."

"I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." (Luke 18:9-14.)

This passage should be an example to show us how to pray; to humble ourselves before God when praying.

In James we read:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

"But let him ask in faith, nothing

wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." (James 1:5-6.)

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (Luke 11:9-10.)

It is the duty of the parents to teach their children to pray; having morning and evening prayer. They should set the example they would like their children to follow. As Solomon said in Proverbs 22:6:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

O thou by whom we come to God,

The Life, the Truth, the Way.

The path of prayer thyself hast trod.

Lord teach us how to pray.

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Christian meekness and humility of its representatives. The record shows that very few of these representatives have succumbed to temptations which would bar them for work in the ministry. Purity of life is the keystone to missionary success.

It is also a matter of record that very few of those charged with missionary responsibility have deserted their post. None have joined other churches. No appeal has been strong enough to undermine their beliefs or to divert them from their sacred calling or to join hands with others in more lucrative and popular undertakings. It is reassuring, to say the least, that the Elders of Israel, however young and inexperienced, have not been susceptible to the teachings and doctrines of other churches which run counter to their own beliefs. This is a further evidence of the deep sincerity and the well-founded convictions characteristic of the Lord's servants. During the past century, except in periods of war, the missionary work has neither diminished nor slackened. It has survived persecution, slander, mobocracy, and violence. Each wave of opposition has found it more firmly entrenched and better able to meet future attacks.

How does this style and method of pro-

paganda compare with that of other modern churches? What other denomination in all Christendom can trust its young people, without special preparation, with ministerial duties, sacred doctrines and well established practices cherished and time honoured among them? Most of them require specialised straining, scholarly attainments and a college background before their ministers can function as authorised priests.

The reason for this is obvious. The simple, understandable teachings of the Master and His apostles have become so distorted, perverted and confused that their preservation requires many precautions and safeguards. Stereotyped prayers must be memorised. rituals must be learned, a solemn, unnatural demeanour developed and arbitrary scriptural interpretations taught and emphasised.

Contrast these preliminaries and procedures with those in the Primitive Church. When Jesus Christ selected His apostles He chose humble, sturdy, God-fearing fishermen—men who were open-minded and unbiased and therefore impressionable to the Truth. He cared nothing for worldly learning and accomplishments. He recognised no one of prominence. He passed by the doctors, lawyers, scribes, and priests, trusting His Gospel to the hearts and minds of the most unsophisticated among men.

He sent them forth with divine authority to officiate in His name, with powers of discernment, and with complete reliance upon the gifts and functions of the Holy Ghost conferred upon them. Their own wisdom was not to be fully trusted, neither were they to be led astray by phantoms of doubt, sophistry, and false arguments, but were to tarry until "endued with power from on high". (Luke 24:49.)

They went forth like sheep among wolves to be misunderstood, maligned, persecuted and held in disrepute. No worldly compensations were promised. "Freely ye have received, freely give," (Matt. 10:8) constitutes the spirit and plan of their operations. They were to deliver their message without fear or favour and to bear witness of the Truth before all nations.

Under the inspiration and guidance provided there could be no failure on their part. They appeared like conquerors fully consci-

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Sunday School Sacrament Gem and Concert Recitations for September, 1948

Sacrament Gem.

Help us, O God, to realize
The great atoning sacrifice;
The gift of Thy Beloved Son,
The Prince of Life, the Holy One.

Gospel Doctrine.

Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.

He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand. Even so. Amen. D. and C. 107:99-100.

Gospel Message.

For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward.

Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness.

D. and C. 58:26-27.

Seniors.

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

2 Peter 1:5-7.

Juniors.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matt. 26:41.

Intermediate Class.

Judge not, that ye be not judged.
Matt. 7:1.

Primary.

For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. Prov. 3:12.

Kindergarten.

Hide not thy talent in the earth;
However small it be
Its faithful use, its utmost worth,
God will require of thee.

RELIEF SOCIETY CORNER

Ida G. Sharp

OATMEAL COOKIES.

1 cup sugar.
1 cup shortening.
1 teaspoon salt.
1 cup raisins scalded (seedless).
1 cup walnuts.
2 cups flour.
2 cups oatmeal.
 $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon soda in a little hot water.
2 eggs.
1 cup milk.

Method of mixing.

Cream the shortening and sugar. Add the beaten eggs and stir well. Now add the oatmeal and raisins and stir. Add milk, salt and flour, then the nuts and vanilla and last the soda and water. Mix all well. Drop by teaspoon on greased baking sheet—two inches apart. Bake 15 to 20 minutes in hot oven about 400° until light brown.

(This would be nice for a home evening.)

Honorable Release.—From page 78.

He is accompanying the remains of our departed missionary, Elder Le Grande D. Barrett, home to Salt Lake City, after which Elder Price will go to his home in Tucson, Arizona.

The Question Every Soul Asks.—From page 74.

... I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." (John 17:1, 4-5.)

One cannot but remember here the words which had come to him in the Temple two

days before, just after the Greeks had come to worship him, his crucifixion weighing heavily upon him:

"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." (John 12:27-28.)

Some of the people hearing the voice thought it thundered; others thought an angel spoke. As then, so now, men understand not the heavenly voices that come unto them. Some hear only the thunders of the air—the natural things of earth; others believe they hear angels, but do not understand the message; a few get the words themselves, the message, and hearken, so gaining wisdom and inspiration. This we must all come to on our way to immortality and eternal life.

I leave with you to-night my testimony that Jesus was with the Father from the beginning, that he existed in the eternities before the world was, and that, his mortal mission finished, he returned to the Father. I bear this testimony in the Son's name. Amen.

—From the Church Section of *Deseret News*.

To All the World.—From page 82.

ous that the world was against them. They were hated, despised, scoffed at, but not dismayed nor discouraged, for they wore the imperishable crown. Their claims before all people were based on absolute knowledge and certainty. Their testimonies and teachings transformed the hearts of men and revolutionised the world. Even the dark ages of doubt and apostacy could not entirely nullify their work nor destroy the fruits of their labours.

What did these ancient Apostles teach? They taught "Jesus Christ and Him crucified", and urged men everywhere to repent of their sins and accept His Gospel of salvation. It was not a man-made Gospel. It originated in the heavens before the earth was formed for man's habitation. The same Gospel, identical in all respects, has been restored in this day with all the gifts, powers, organisation and blessings of former dispensations. It cannot be altered or modified to suit the convenience and desires of a sinful generation.

It is the same "yesterday, and today, and forever."

It is a high distinction to be called to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be divinely authorised to "teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world". (Matt. 28:19, 20.)

It is a tremendous project which cannot be executed and carried forward without God's help. It is beyond the powers and abilities of man, unaided and uninspired, to accomplish. But aid has been promised from an all-powerful source. God's hand is upon the nations. He will call them to repentance in His own way. He will scourge them, if necessary, to an elevation where they can comprehend His power in operation among them, "for by fire and sword will the Lord plead with all flesh". (Isaiah 66:16.) God's work will not fail.

Danish King receives Book of Mormon.—From page 77.

kindness and hospitality shown the king and queen on their visit to Utah in 1939. The king said, "Of all the trips that the queen and I have taken, there have been none that we have enjoyed more than the time we spent in the state of Utah. It will be outstanding in our memory".

The Mission Head also wrote of the joy all were having in the Danish Mission because of the hundreds who are eager to hear the message of the Church. "We are happy", he said, "for the privilege of bringing so many fine people into the Church. Last Sunday we baptized 23 in the mission and at our spring conferences we are expecting more baptisms in every branch. They are all very fine people and we are glad to welcome them into the Church".—From the Church Section of *Deseret News*.

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